(SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Information on the profit and loss of UCO Bank, United Bank of India and Indian Bank for the year ending 31.3.99 (latest available) is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	Operating profit	Net profit
UCO Bank	38.38	(–) 67.77 (loss)
United Bank of India	46.40	14.70
Indian Bank	(–) 163.24	(–) 778.50

(c) and (d) Recapitalisation of the weak banks is contingent upon the concerned banks drawing up a viable restructuring programme acceptable to the Government as the owner and the RBI as the regulator.

(e) No, Sir.

Request for Conversion of Short Term into Medium/Long Term Loans

4633. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether bankers of Bellary district of Karnataka have requested the NABARD to give clearance for converting the loans from short term to medium term or long term relating to chilli farmers whose crops were destroyed; and

(b) if so, the steps, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it has not received any such request.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.